

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of its underlying subject matter.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A tire/wheel assembly, comprising:

an annular tube arranged in a closed space formed between a pneumatic tire and a wheel, an outer sectional area of the tube being nonuniform in a tire circumferential direction,

wherein a sectional area changing rate of the closed space by the tube is 5.0% or higher, and

wherein the sectional area changing rate is represented by:

$$\frac{(A2-A1)}{(A-A1)} \times 100\%$$

“A” being a sectional area of the closed space when the tube does not exist,

“A1” being a minimum value of an outer sectional area of the tube, and

“A2” being a maximum value of an outer sectional area of the tube.

2. (original) The tire/wheel assembly according to claim 1, wherein the wheel is provided with a valve for adjusting internal pressure of the pneumatic tire, and a valve for adjusting internal pressure of the tube.

3. (original) The tire/wheel assembly according to claim 2, wherein the valve for adjusting the internal pressure of the pneumatic tire and the valve for adjusting the internal pressure of the tube are arranged in opposing positions at the wheel.

4-6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) The tire/wheel assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sectional area changing rate is between 5.0% and 25%.

8. (canceled)